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Edmonton, Alberta

March 18th, 1941.



To The Honourable,

John Campbell Bowen,

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta,

Edmonton, Alberta.

Your Honour:-

I have the honour to submit the  
Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial  
Secretary for the fiscal year, 1939 - 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

*James D. Manning*  
Provincial Secretary.

Edmonton, March 18th, 1941.

To

The Honourable Ernest C. Manning, M.L.A.,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to submit a Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1940, and included therein is the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the same period.

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>1939-40</u>
Fuel Oil Tax Act.....	\$ 3,096,644.17
Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act.....	2,074,379.38
Corporations Taxation Act.....	1,039,140.30
Railway Taxation Act.....	439,121.10
<u>Amusements Tax Act:</u>	
Amusements Tax.....	\$175,721.46
Pari Mutuel Tax....	<u>28,138.47</u>
	203,859.93
<u>Theatres Act:</u>	
Censorship fees....	\$ 25,653.00
Licence fees.....	<u>17,498.85</u>
	43,151.85
Insurance and Prevention Act.....	138,780.84
<u>Corporations Temporary Additional Taxation Act:</u>	
Surcharge under Companies Act..	\$ 2,761.12
Surcharge on Railway Tax.....	38,032.35
Surcharge on Corporations Tax..	<u>41,021.94</u>
	81,815.41
<u>The Companies Act (Registration Fees)</u>	
Alberta Companies...\$	12,453.00
Foreign Companies....	<u>14,107.00</u>
	26,560.00
Miscellaneous Registrations & Licence Fees....	4,414.70
Total.....	\$ <u>7,147,867.68</u>
Previous Year...	6,840,651.94
Increase over Previous Year.....	\$ <u>307,215.74</u>



MOTOR VEHICLES

All licences under The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act are in effect for the twelve months commencing April 1st in each year except Chauffeurs' licences, which are in force for the calendar year.

Comparative Statement of Licences Issued.

	<u>1939-40</u>	<u>1940-41</u> (to March 18/41)
Drivers' Licences -	135,000 -	151,114
Pleasure Cars -	88,000 -	92,125
Motor Cycles -	668 -	707
Chauffeurs' Licences - (calendar year)	7,517 -	8,418
Dealers -	523 -	532

Convictions under The Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act and The Criminal Code during the Calendar Year 1940.

	<u>V. &amp; H. Traffic Act</u>	<u>The Criminal Code</u>
Calgary -	809	388
Edmonton -	312	183
Lethbridge -	163	16
Medicine Hat -	49	33
Other Places -	<u>1,897</u>	<u>247</u>
	3,230	867

Sentenced to Gaol Terms.

(1) For being intoxicated whilst in charge of a motor vehicle-	35
(2) For Manslaughter -	3
(3) For dangerous driving -	8
(4) For breaches of the Vehicles & Highway Traffic Act -	40

Suspensions during the Calendar Year 1940.

Drivers' licences -	250
Chauffeurs' licences -	14

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Injured</u>	<u>Killed or died from injuries.</u>
Cities -	5,053	601	21
Towns or Villages -	153	27	--
On the Highway -	<u>1,148</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>41</u>
	<u>6,354</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>62</u>

Forty per cent of the accidents caused damages less than \$50.00.

The Cities of Calgary and Edmonton contributed 4,193 accidents and 17 fatal accidents.

Comparative Statement of Fatal Accidents.

1937 -	56
1938 -	55
1939 -	72
1940 -	62

Fatal Accidents.

1.- Pedestrians -	18
2.- Skidding on icy, slippery roads and in loose gravel and blowouts -	12
3.- At Railway Crossings -	7
4.- Bicycle riders -	6
5.- Trying to pass on hills and curves -	5
6.- Children playing in farmyards, darting across streets and roadway -	4
7.- Colliding and running into street cars and motor busses -	4
8.- Motor Cycle riders -	3
9.- Jolted from motor vehicles and unlighted wagons -	<u>3</u>
	<u>62</u>

(Note) Twenty-one (21) drivers involved in the sixty-two (62) fatal accidents lost their lives.

Vehicles involved in Fatal Accidents.

In the sixty-two fatal accidents, fourteen (14) trucks were involved, four (4) of which were at railway crossings.



Non-Fatal Accidents.

In the number 1,066 injured,- pedestrians accounted for 218, of which 189 were injured in the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton, and 21 at Railway Crossings.

General type of Accidents.

Pedestrian  
Automobile Collision  
Horse-drawn Vehicles  
R.R. trains  
Stock on road  
Street Car  
Other Vehicles  
Fixed Object  
Bicycle  
Miscellaneous

Causes.

Excess Speeding  
Wrong side of Road  
No right of way  
Careless or negligent driving  
Failed to signal  
Parked Cars  
Cars without lights  
Cars parked without lights  
No trailer lights  
Unlighted other vehicles  
Glaring lights  
One or both lights out  
Cars stopped suddenly- following too closely  
Cars failing to come to a stop when entering a highway  
Drivers taking chances on curves and at intersections  
Cars passing on hills  
Cars backing from curbs  
Cars taking to the ditch to avoid an accident  
Poor visibility  
Sun glare  
Dust and wind  
View obstructions  
Wet, slippery, icy and snow roads  
Loose gravel  
No lights on wagons, sleighs or trailers  
Fatigue of driver  
Mechanism of car (brakes, loose wheel, etc.)  
Blowouts.

AMUSEMENTS TAX BRANCH.

	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>1939-40</u>
Edmonton -	\$ 56,947.89-	\$ 56,528.14
Calgary -	51,439.35 -	57,157.48
Lethbridge -	10,983.62 -	10,534.06
Medicine Hat -	4,328.03 -	5,737.00
Other Places -	<u>35,260.34 -</u>	<u>55,764.01</u>
	\$ <u>157,959.23</u>	\$ <u>175,721.46</u>

Licences Issued under The Theatres Act.

Entertainment Halls -	752
Theatres -	169
Itinerant Exhibitors -	17
Film Exchanges -	10

Inspections under The Theatres Act.

TABLE NO. 1

TABULATION OF PLANS SURVEYED, PLACES INSPECTED, AND NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE UNDER THE THEATRE REGULATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1st, 1939, AND ENDING MAR.31/40.

Number of plans surveyed.....	102
New Halls recommended for licence.....	102
Number of Theatres inspected.....	89
Recommendations re wiring.....	61
Recommendations re Fire Precautions.....	69
Recommendations re Exits.....	66
Recommendations re Aisles and Seating.....	35
Recommendations re Ventilation and Sanitation.....	42

TABLE NO. 2

TABULATION OF PROJECTION ROOMS AND PROJECTORS INSPECTED & RECOMMENDATIONS MADE UNDER THE THEATRE REGULATIONS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD, APRIL 1st, 1939, to MARCH 31, 1940.

Projection rooms inspected.....	89
Number of Projectors Inspected.....	147
Recommendations f or Repairs.....	108
Projectors Condemned as Defective.....	3
Recommendations re Wiring.....	68
Recommendations re Fire Precautions.....	77
Recommendations re Ventilations.....	41
Number of Projection Rooms Condemned.....	5



TABLE NO. 3

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATIONS TOGETHER WITH NUMBER & CLASS OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO PROJECTIONISTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD, APRIL 1st, 1939, to MARCH 31st, 1940.

Number of Licences Issued

First.....	95
Second.....	130
Third.....	53
Apprentice.....	54
Provisory Permit.....	155
Narrow Gauge.....	33
Total....	520

Number of Examinations Held

First.....	2
Second.....	24
Third.....	32
Narrow Gauge.....	Nil
Total....	58

Temporary Permissions Granted.....	26
Total Cash Receipts.....	\$2841.50

TABLE NO. 4

RECORD OF ADVERSE FILM REPORTS AND THEIR DISPOSITION FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD, APRIL 1st, 1939, to MARCH 31, 1940.

Columbia -	Cleaned	25	Revised	13	Re-edited	-	Condemned	-
Empire -	"	12	"	11	"	-	"	-
First National -	"	--	"	1	"	-	"	-
Fox -	"	30	"	18	"	-	"	-
General -	"	--	"	--	"	-	"	-
Grand National -	"	10	"	--	"	1	"	-
Paramount -	"	10	"	20	"	1	"	-
Regal -	"	25	"	9	"	1	"	-
R.K.O. -	"	25	"	25	"	1	"	-
United Artists -	"	17	"	6	"	1	"	-
Universal -	"	20	"	6	"	-	"	-
Vitagraph -	"	17	"	24	"	2	"	1
Warner Bros. -	"	10	"	4	"	1	"	-

THE COMPANIES BRANCH, 1939-1940.

Local limited liability companies incorporated -	106
Companies incorporated outside of Alberta and admitted to registration under The Companies Act-	131
Societies incorporated -	59
Church Congregations incorporated -	22
Co-operative Associations incorporated -	18
Co-operative Marketing Associations incorporated -	11
Credit Unions registered -	14
Change of Names -	26

In addition to checking and entering the annual statements of a large number of companies on the Register of Companies, a large amount of miscellaneous work was performed such as furnishing memoranda from the records, and the issuing of Commissions to Commissioners for taking Affidavits, Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public and Coroners.

A copy of the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance is annexed hereto.

*Wm. M. M. M.*

Deputy Provincial Secretary.





